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After a long period of ill health, our gracious Nell Jackson passed away in the Norfolk Island Hospital in the early hours of last Monday, 12th March, 1990.

Eleanor Jean married Gilbert Jackson in Sydney in 1950 and they had one son, Douglas.

They lived in Sydney for many years and returned to live on Norfolk in 1968 and Douglas went to school here.

In the absence of Father Harry Moore, Mr. Kevin Williams conducted the graveside service at Kingston and his wife Susan read the eulogy which gives a picture of Nell as we all knew her.

"A significant part of Nell's personality was her dignity" said Susan. "A person's regard for her own self-worth is an important guide to her value in the eyes of others."

Convicts arriving on Norfolk in the penal colony era were quickly stripped of their dignity. They had to be broken of the idea that they had any value. Nell Jackson was not a convict, but her illnesses over the past several years made her a prisoner in her own unco-operative body.

Nell was a very attractive and dignified lady. How frustrating and embarrassing to be increasingly unable to maintain her appearance and independence. But she refused to lose her dignity. If she could not take care of her hair as she wished, she wore a bright, jaunty scarf. The last time I took our children to visit her at the hospital, Keelah admired the pretty pink nail polish on her 'Gram'ma Nellie's' well manicured hands. These were outward signs of Nell's determination to retain her self esteem.

It is extremely important to maintain one's dignity and Nell had her family's support in keeping hers. Perhaps in recognition of her years of loving devotion, when she needed help her family was ready and always there with loving patience and care.

Nell was a member of a great Norfolk family. As a woman possessing great personal courage and tremendous dignity her life commands respect. As a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend, Nell won our love.

If home is where the heart is, then Nell has gone home. She's not in the hospital, she's not in this small piece of earth. She will dwell in the hearts of those who love her, so I do not say 'Goodbye, Nell', I say 'Welcome home'.

Thank you, Susan.

To Gilbert, Doug, Margaret and the three boys, Paul, Gilbert and Troy, we convey our heartfelt sympathies in the loss of Nell, who is now at peace.

Gilbert was particularly warmed with the surprise visit of his first cousin, Mrs. Evelyn Bailey (daughter of Harry "Whitton" Jackson) from New Zealand and her son Andrew and his friend Connie who became a tower of strength to the family during their sad time.

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Word was received this week of the death on the mainland, of Mrs. May "Junnie" Quintal.

May, whose maiden name was Gwentyth, Sina, Dorothy, May Donaldson, came to Norfolk Island in the late 1920's as a schoolteacher.

In 1930 she married Herbert Eric Quintal (known to all as Junnie) and their daughter Marian (now Mrs. Noel Martin) was born here.

May went back to schoolteaching in 1946 and both she and Marian returned to the mainland soon after Junnie's death in 1959.

To Marian and her family we extend our sincere condolences on the loss of May.

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